



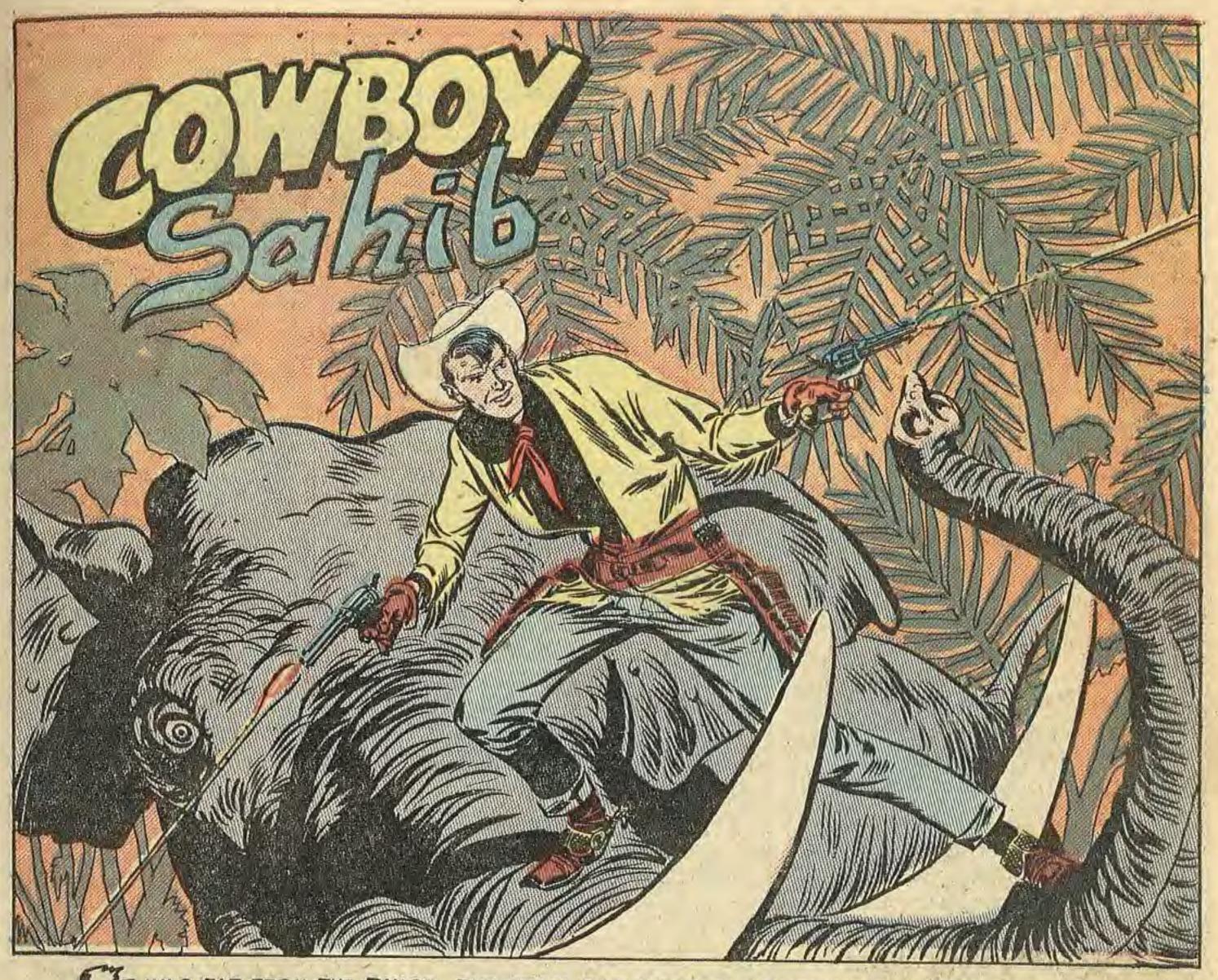




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WAS FAR FROM THE RANGE, FAR FROM THE WESTERN HOMELAND THAT COWBOY

JOE KING LOVED SO WELL! BUT HE LEARNED THAT SIX-GUNS BARKED AS LOUDLY

IN THE JUNGLE — THAT AN UNERRING LARIAT AND THE KNOW-HOW OF BUSTING A BRONCO

PAID OFF JUST AS MUCH IN THE BADLANDS BELOW THE EQUATOR! HERE'S A DIFFERENT

TYPE OF WESTERN THRILLER, STARRING THAT BATTLING BUCKAROO WHOM ALL INDIA

CAME TO KNOW AS -- COWBOY SAHIB!





JEST IN CASE YUH DON'T KNOW
ME, FOLKS, I'M JOE KING-THE
WADDY THEY CALL COWBOY
SAHIB IN THESE PARTS! I'M
RANGE BOSS O' THIS LI'L
KINGDOM, ALL ON ACCOUNTA
THIS RING I TOOK OVER FROM
MALEVO, THE EX-SULTAN -- AN'
I NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD
IN MUH LIFE!

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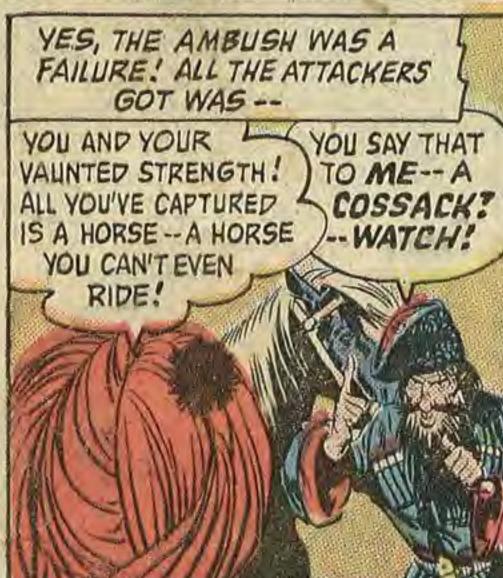




































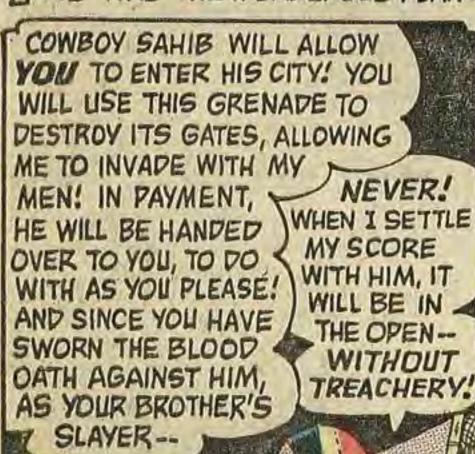


YES, KONCHAK WAS A FIGHTER --BUT A SHREWD PLOTTER AS WELL! HE SUMMONED HIS CHIEF SPY --

SULTAN MALEVO YES -- ALMITA! TOLD ME OF A EVEN NOW, SHE BEAUTIFUL GIRL IS WITH HER WHO HAD CAPTURED PARENTS IN COWBOY SAHIB'S A SMALL HEART! DO YOU VILLAGE SCANT KNOW ANYTHING MILES FROM HERE OF HERE I'LL SEE THAT SHE IS BROUGHT HERE!



THIS WAS THE MURDEROUS PLAN ...









WO DAYS PASSED WHILE ALMITA AWAITED THE APPOINTED TIME! THEN --









IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE, COWBOY SAHIB TRIED HIS MARKSMANSHIP --



-- ONLY TO DISCOVER A BRAND OF SHARPSHOOTING SUCH AS HE'D NEVER ENCOUNTERED!



THE FIGHT HAD DRAWN TO A
CLOSE NOW -- WITH KONCHAK'S
FORCE TRIUMPHANT ___



THUS IT BEGAN -- THAT STRUGGLE WHICH HAS BECOME ALMOST A LEGEND IN INDIA!











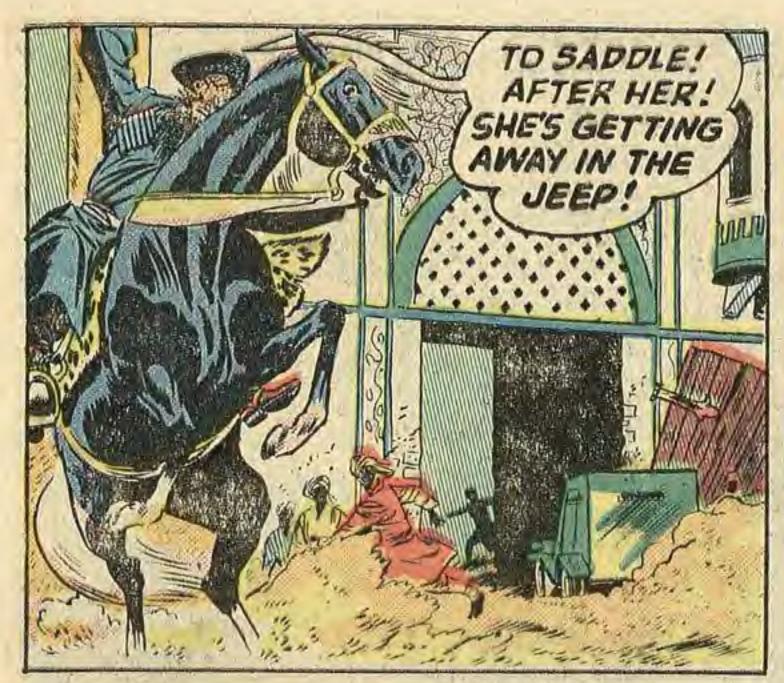














MEANWHILE, COWBOY SAHIB HAS COME TO -- AND IN HIS EYES THERE BURNS A NEW LIGHT-THE LIGHT OF RAGE, COLD HATRED, REVENGE!

THAT'S RIGHT--STARE
AT ME! I KNOW I'VE
LOST! BUT I'M A-GOIN'AFTER
THAT BIG VARMINT! I'M
GONNA LICK HIM FAIR
AN' SQUARE AN' GIT
BACK MUH HINGDOM-AN' YORE RESPECT!
I CAME HERE ALONE-AN' THAT'S HOW
I'M IEAVIN'!

BUT HE HADN'T RECKONED ON THE GRATITUDE OF A PEOPLE --

NO, COWBOY SAHIB -- YOU LOST
TO AN INHUMAN BRUTE, NOT
A MAN! THERE AREN'T MANY
OF US LEFT -- BUT WE'RE
STILL BEHIND
YOU -- TO THE
PROMISE
YUH NOTHIN'-WE'LL BE OUTNUMBERED FIFTY TUH ONE-BUT IT'S NICE KNOWIN'
I GOT BUDDIES!
LET'S GO!

IT WAS A LONG AND ARDUOUS TREK,
MUCH OF IT THROUGH UNINHABITED
TERRITORY -- BUT A WYOMING WADDIE'S
WESTERN TRAINING HELD THEM GRIMLY
TO THE TRAIL! THIS WAS A DIFFERENT
COWBOY SAHIB -- STERN -- HARD -- AND
DEDICATED TO VENGEANCE!









IT WAS A DARING PLAN WITH WHICH HE RETURNED TO HIS MEN-RECKLESS AND HAZARDOUS --

IT'S RIDICULOUS,
SAHIB-IMPOSSIBLE!
YOU WON'T EVEN
LIVE LONG ENOUGH
TO FAIL!
SUCCEED, I DON'T
WANT TUH LIVE! ALL YUH
HAVE TUH DO IF IT WORKS
IS BRING UP THE REAR-AN' MOP UP!

THROUGH THE SPRAWLING ENCAMP-MENT HE CREPT, UNSEEN--AND UP TO THE PORTALS OF KONCHAK'S TENT... WHERE--











THE WORLD ITSELF HAD EVER SEEN
SUCH A SPECTACLE AS THIS! A MERE
MAN PITTED AGAINST A TEN-TON
JUGGERNAUT -- BUT THE MAN WAS
COWBOY SAHIB!

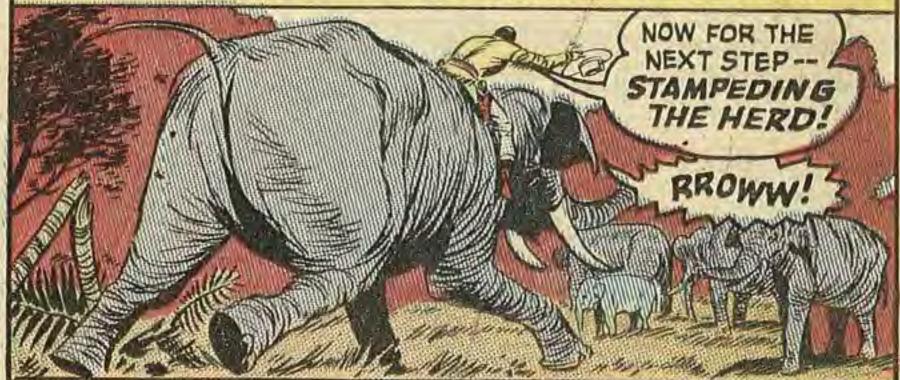


AND BACK AT THE CAMP OF KONCHAK

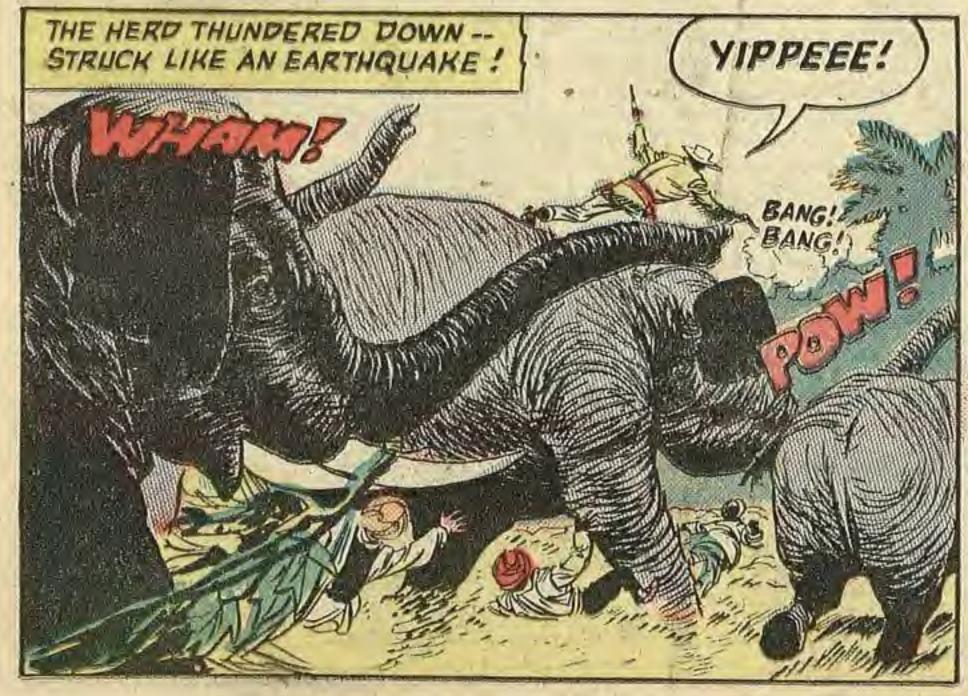




IT WAS A CRUEL AND DIZZYING ORDEAL -- BUT THE SAVVY WHICH HAD BROKEN THE WEST'S WILDEST BRONCOS PAID OFF! M'BANO, THE MAD ELEPHANT, WAS MASTERED! THEN --





















BUT IN A LIGHTNING MOVE --





NOW THE MAN-MONSTER WAS

BACK FOR MORE, MENACE IN









T WAS A GREAT DAY IN LARIJUNA -- THAT DAY WHEN ITS









BUT -- WAS IT GOODBYE? FOR EVEN THEN, FATE

WAS MOVING TOWARDS A STRANGE MEETING --

TOWARDS VIOLENCE, BLOODSHED! AND A

FRE WEIGH

UDD SMILEY DREW his pistol las hoofbeats approached down the road. Then, over the rise, the small post-wagon appeared, drawn at a smart clip by two fast horses. On the buckboard sat the driver, oblivious of the bead being drawn on him.

BANG!

Rudd was on the road even before the corpse hit the ground. He dragged the horses to a halt and hobbled them before turning to the business of getting the corpse off the road. A wallet in its pocket told its identity. Joe Carson, mail rider for the six-town route beginning with Highbrook and ending with Snakeville.

Rudd Smiley grinned. His plan was working fine. At least two posses were out for him down around Highbrook. But there was a hundred and fifty miles between Highbrook and Snakeville. And Snakeville had a post-office where thousands of dollars were kept in the till to cover big mailorder drafts the Snakeville gold miners bought to send East. He wanted to case the post-office safe before he blew it. And the best way to do that was to get behind the barred windows in the ordinary course of the day and look the safe over. "So," he thought, chuckling, "I'll be Joe Carson!" Of course, he couldn't pose as Joe. But he could say that Joe had been taken ill at Highbrook and that he'd volunteered to bring the mail in. The mere possession of the mail in good order would prove that. And he was dead sure no one in Snakeville had ever heard of him. Not yet, anyway.

He glanced over the mail, noted it was mainly small fry stuff, circulars, personals and the like. He stuffed it back in the pouch, climbed aboard the wagon and set off for Snakeville. An hour later he drew rein in front of the post-office there and went in. The postmaster listened to his story and nodded.

"You can stay overnight in town and take our mail back in the morning to Highbrook, Mr. Hammill," the postmaster said, using the name Rudd Smiley had given him. "Stick around. I'm closing in a short while, and I'll get you a room at the local hotel."

"Thanks," Rudd said, grinning secretly. He knew that by morning he'd be gone...with the contents of the post-office safe. His eyes roved innocently over it, as it squatted in a corner. The safe was big, big enough to hold plenty, but not too big to crack.

He turned, having seen enough, and looked out the window, humming a tune. A few moments passed, with the post-office silent except for the rustle of mail the postmaster was handling. Then, as Rudd heard the click of a gun hammer behind him, he whirled. He saw the postmaster holding an ugly .45 on him and holding up an unfolded poster.

"This just came in the mail, addressed to me as postmaster," he said grimly. "I'm supposed to hang it up here in the office." He glanced at it again, then turned it so Rudd could see it.

"I don't know if your name is Rudd Smiley, pardner," the postmaster said. "Or if you're wanted for past mail-tobbery like this poster says. But this sure is your picture. I reckon we'll have to find out what's what. You goin' to the Sheriff quiet-like?"

Rudd slowly nodded, looking at the levelled gun. He'd go quiet-like...and doomed, too, by mail he himself had brought!



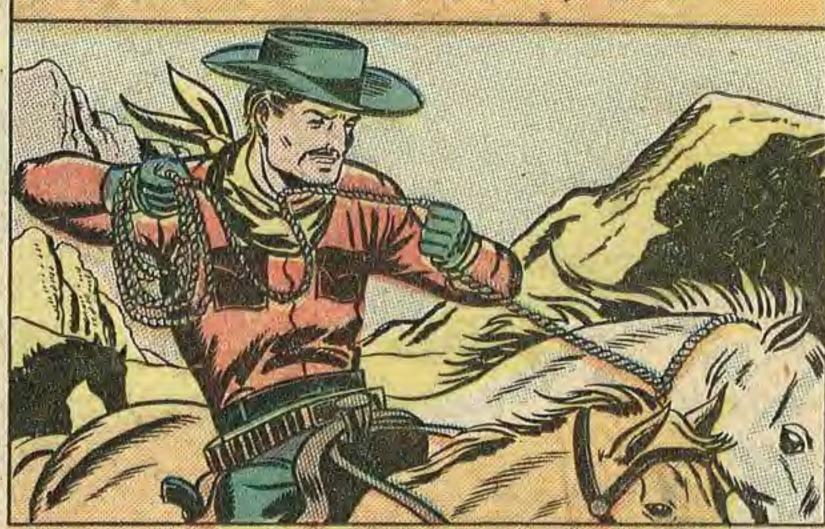


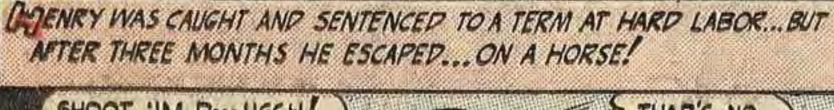
NOTORIOUS THE STEEL OF THE NEW YORK

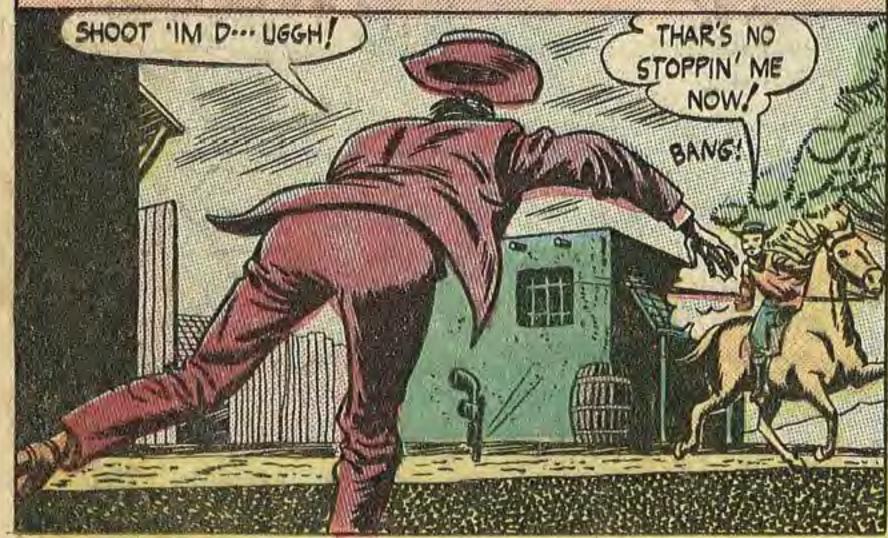
DUTCH HENRY, BECAME ONE OF THE WILD WEST'S MOST NOTORIOUS OUTLAWS...AFTER HAV-ING LEARNED HORSEMANSHIP AND MARKSMANSHIP AS A TROOPER IN CUSTER'S CAVALRY IN THE 1860'S!

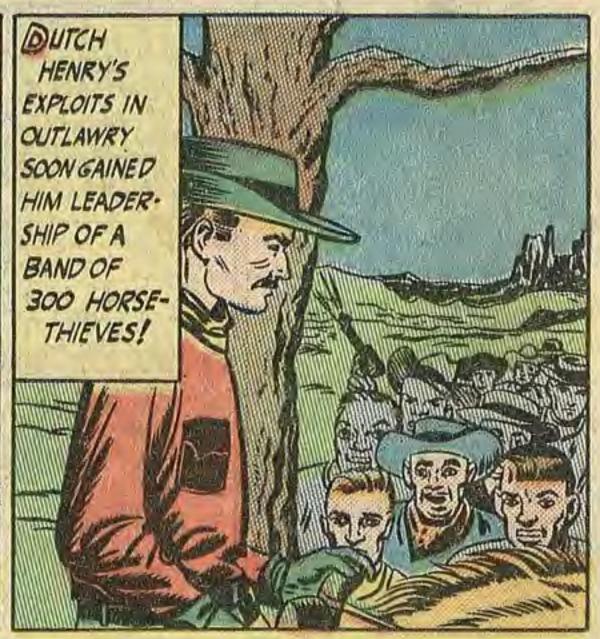


BUT HIS LOVE OF FINE HORSES AND DESIRE FOR EASY MONEY SOON TURNED HENRY INTO AN OUTLAW. AND HIS FIRST COUP WAS RUNNING OFF 20 GOVERNMENT HORSES FROM FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS!









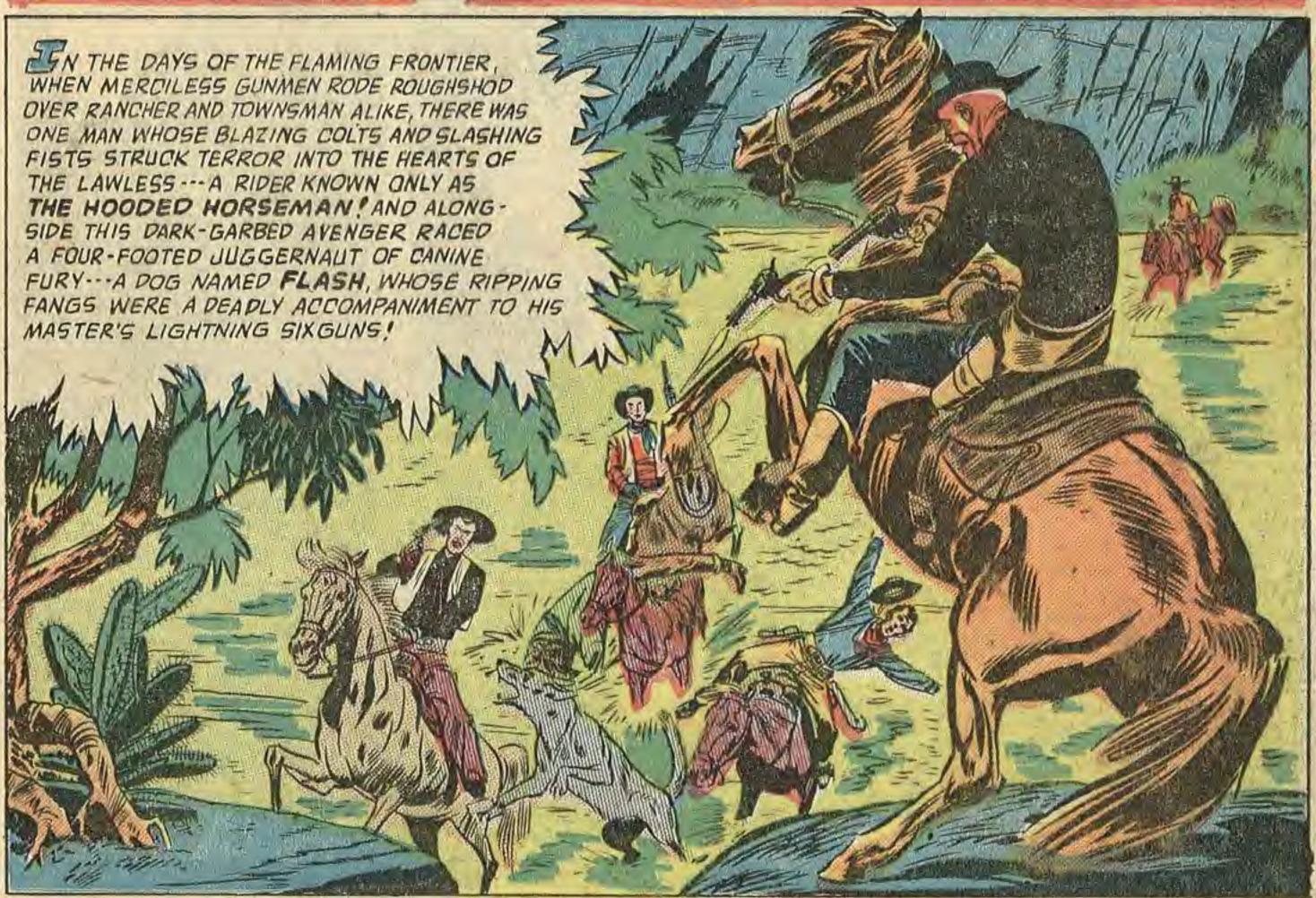
ALL THROUGH THE WEST, RANCHERS BEGAN TO HATE THE NAME OF THE ARCH HORSETHIEF, DUTCH HENRY, AND TO FEAR HIS DEADLY GUNS!



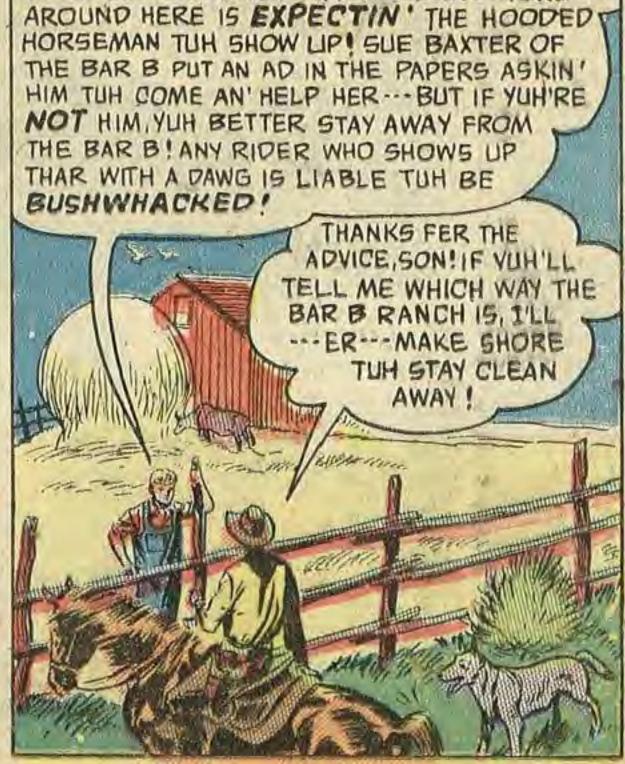
BUT THE NOTORIOUS OUTLAW WAS FINALLY STOPPED FOR GOOD BY UNITED STATES MARSHAL WILCOX OF COLORADO AND DEPUTY MARSHAL JONES OF KANSAS...WHO SURPRISED DUTCH HENRY IN A ROOM AT THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL IN PUEBLO!











CUZ YUH GOT A DAWG THAT LOOKS JEST LIKE

HIS IS SUPPOSED TUH --- AN' 'CUZ EVERYONE



















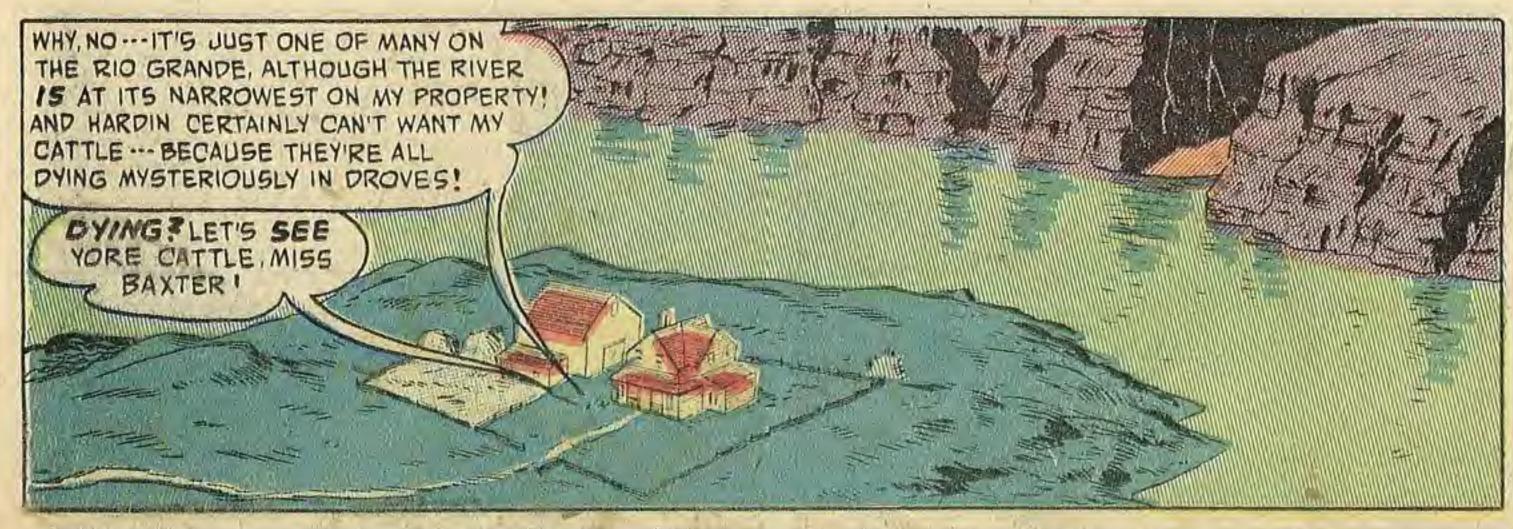
















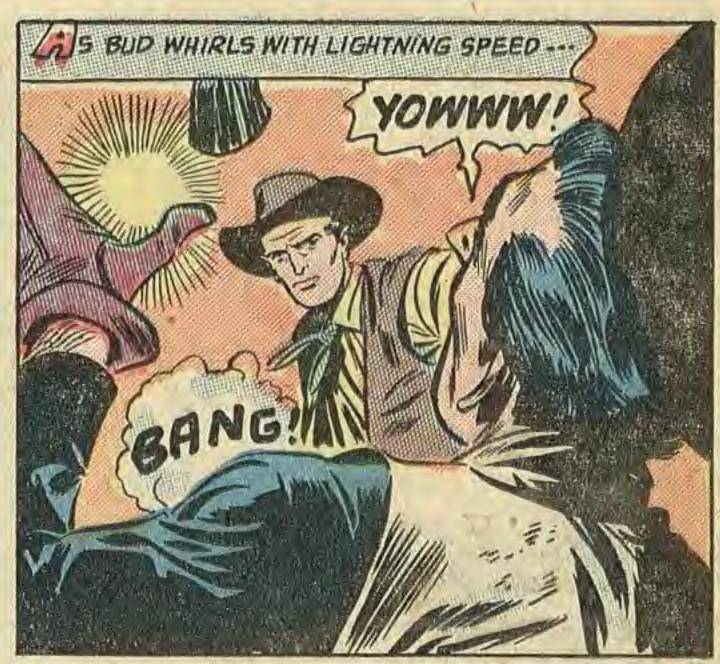












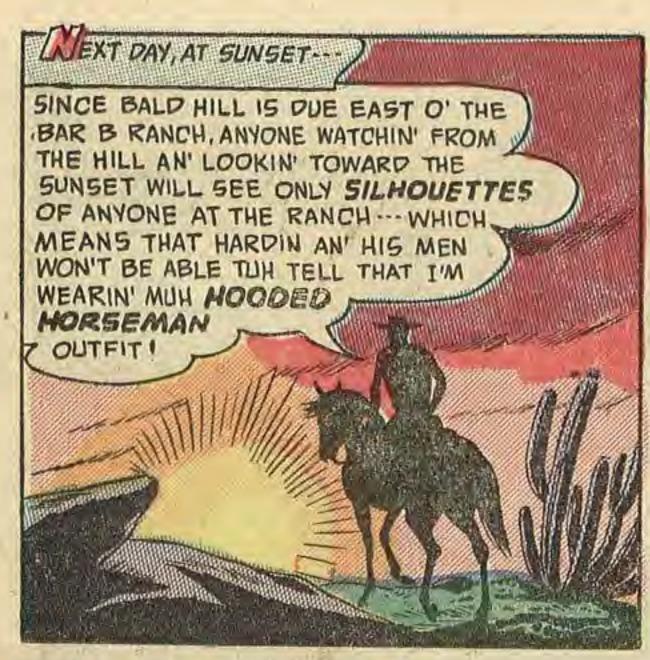








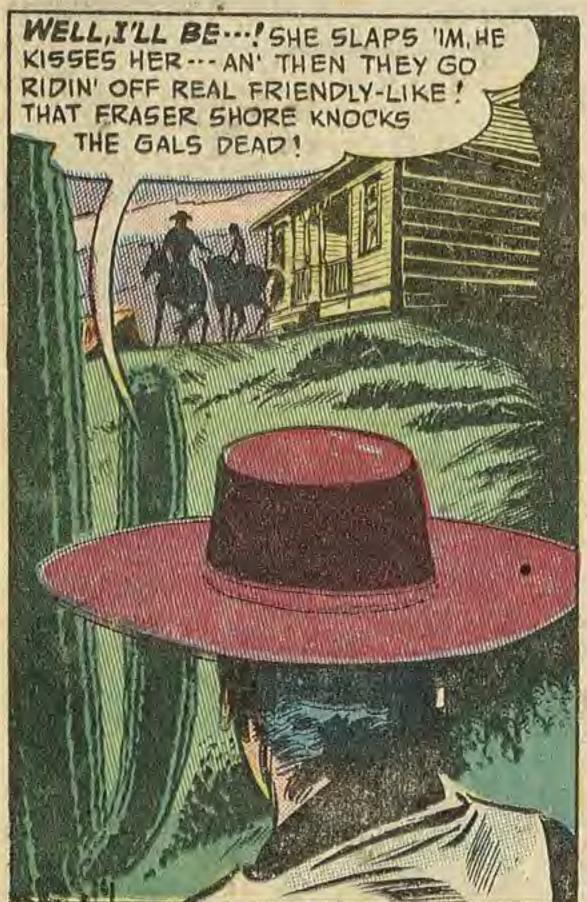
























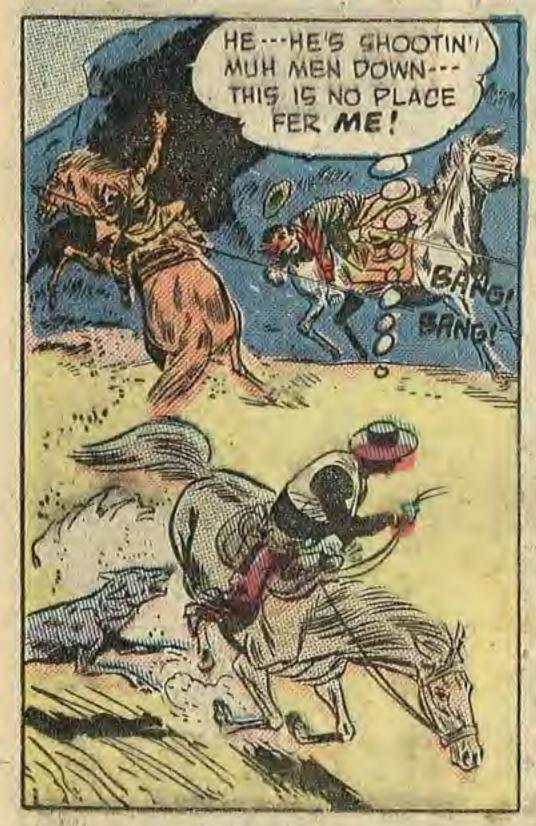




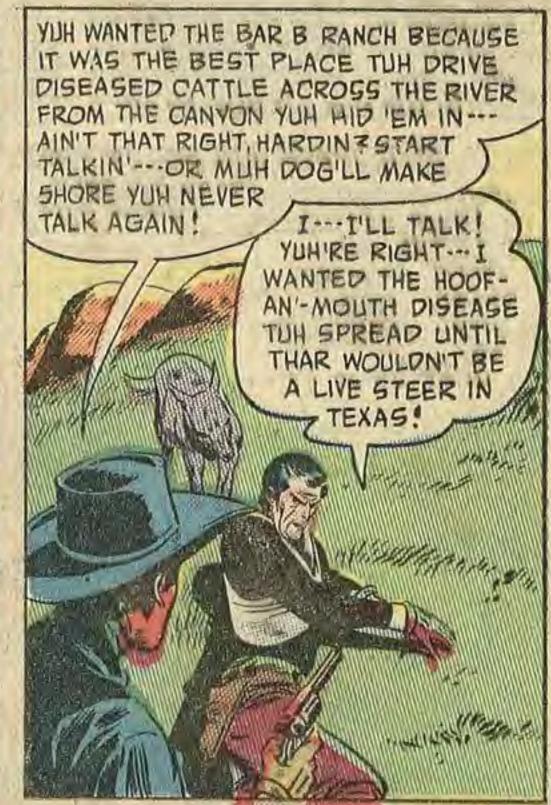




























COUNTER,
SHERIFF PAT
SUGHRUE'S
CHEEK INAS
CREASED BYA
BUILLET -- AND
FOREVER AFTER
WARDS HE PROUD.
LY BORE THAT
SCARE OF
COURAGE!



Russian Routents

THE TWO PROSPECTORS had been arguing for days. At first, soon after they had struck gold in Montana, everything had gone well between them, but as the vein proved immensely rich, they had begun snarling like tigers. There was more than enough to make them both multimillionaires, but each was deathly suspicious of the other, and living together had become impossible. Finally, Blacky Sloan decided to settle matters with Joe Kelly. "Look," he said, "you and me could never be partners. One of us has got to clear out for good."

"Guess so," said Kelly, shaking his head sadly. "Let's take a deck of cards and cut for outright ownership of the mine. The loser can have the gold that's already out. There's enough there for a lifetime."

"No!" said Sloan fiercely. "I'm on to your tricks. If you lost you'd put a bullet in my back some day. The ownership has got to be clear...definite!"

Both men looked at each other narrowly. For several minutes Blacky stroked his stubbly chin. Then a strange light glittered in his eyes. "I've got it!" he yelled. "Russian roulette!" Quickly he took the old revolver from the cupboard, inserted a single cartridge, and twirled the chamber piece nervously. "Listen," he said. "There's one shot in this six-shooter, but neither of us knows which chamber it's in. We'll decide who owns the mine this way: I'll put the gun to my head and pull the trigger. If the slug comes up, then I'm dead and you own the mine. If not, then you have to take a shot. We'll keep doin' that till one of us gets blasted. But if either of us gets yellow and wants to back down, then the other is the automatic winner and signs over his rights. That way the other won't dare pull any funny business."

Kelly grew very pale. "Okay," he said finally. "If you've got the guts to do this, so do I! We'll cut the cards for who takes the first shot!"

The draw fell to Kelly, who placed the

muzzle of the gun against his temple, breathless with fright. Slowly he pressed the trigger, mumbling a prayer under his breath. He gasped as he heard the click. Quickly he handed the gun to Sloan, who grunted, put it to his head rapidly, and pulled the trigger. Click. The gun went back to Kelly.

The odds were now one in four. Kelly wondered what had ever possessed him to agree to such a mad idea. Nothing was worth the stakes. But Blacky was grinning at him, half triumphantly. Gasping, Kelly pulled the trigger. There was a merciful click. And then, rapidly, Sloan snatched the gun, pulled the trigger, and like the knell of doom, Kelly heard again...click!

Only two chances left now. Even money against the next chamber spelling death. Beads of sweat stood out on Kelly's head as he regarded the gun in his hand with horror. It seemed insane even to contemplate pulling the trigger again. But Blacky grinned and said, "Losing your stomach? Remember, if you throw in the towel, everything is mine. That was our agreement!"

As Kelly put the gun to his head, Sloan stopped smiling. "You realize," said Kelly, "that if I pull the trigger and live, then everything is mine? Because then there'll only be one shot left, and that would be committing suicide!"

"I know it," said Sloan, "but I don't think you've got the nerve!"

Keliy pulled the trigger.

Click.

"Igotta hand it to ya," said Sloan as he finished signing the deed. "I thought you would chicken out before the end."

"I know you did," said Kelly. "And I also knew at the last minute that you don't have the courage you'd been showing. That's why I knew you'd put a blank in the chamber."

Kelly fired the revolver again. There was a dull report, and a few powder stains on the table, but nothing more.

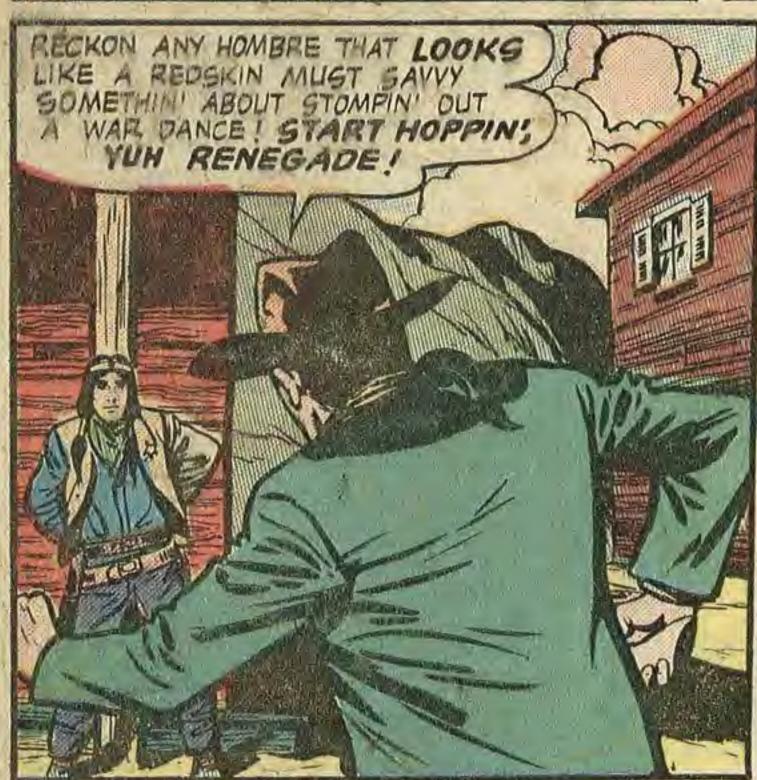
'Now, get going," said Kelly. "The fortune is mine...and I've sure earned it!"









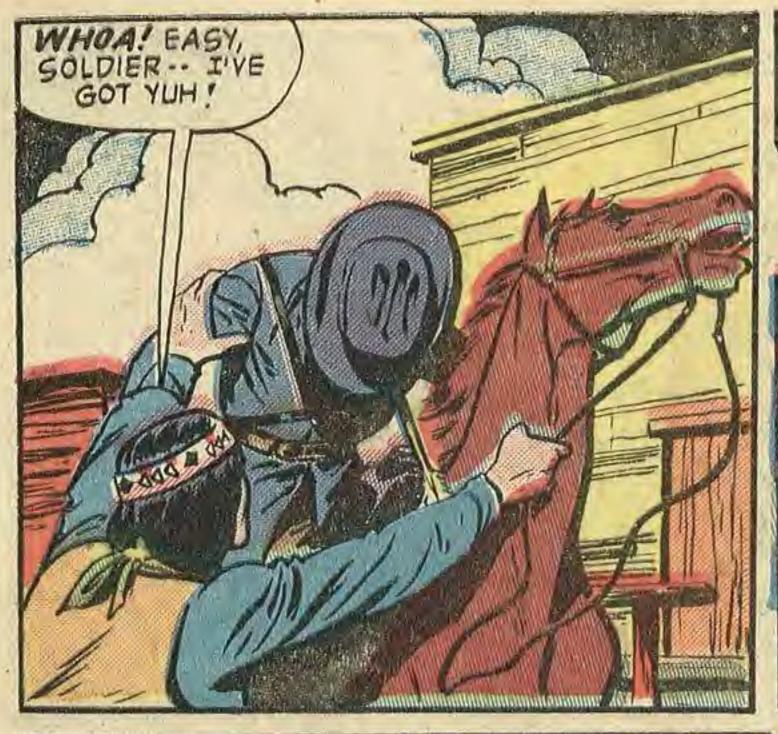


THEN-- FASTER THAN A STRIKING RATTLESNAKE-

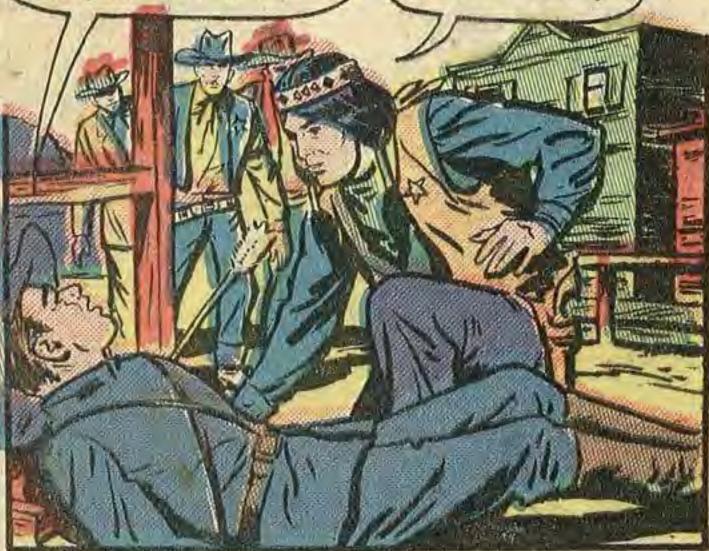








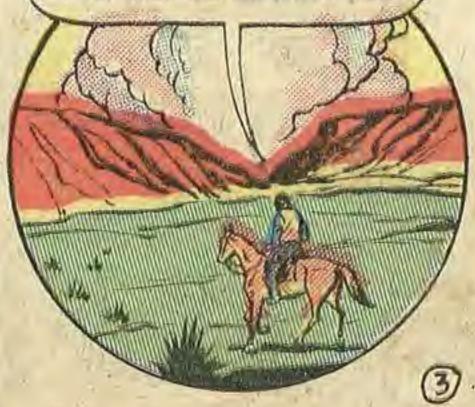
HOSTILES -- HAVE FORT -- WHICH FORT?
SURROUNDED! OUR WE'RE RARIN' TUH
POWDER SUPPLY -- NEVER HELP, AMIGO -- BUT
SHOWED UP ... CAN'T -- WHAR'S THE
FIGHT 'EM OFF! RUCKUS?



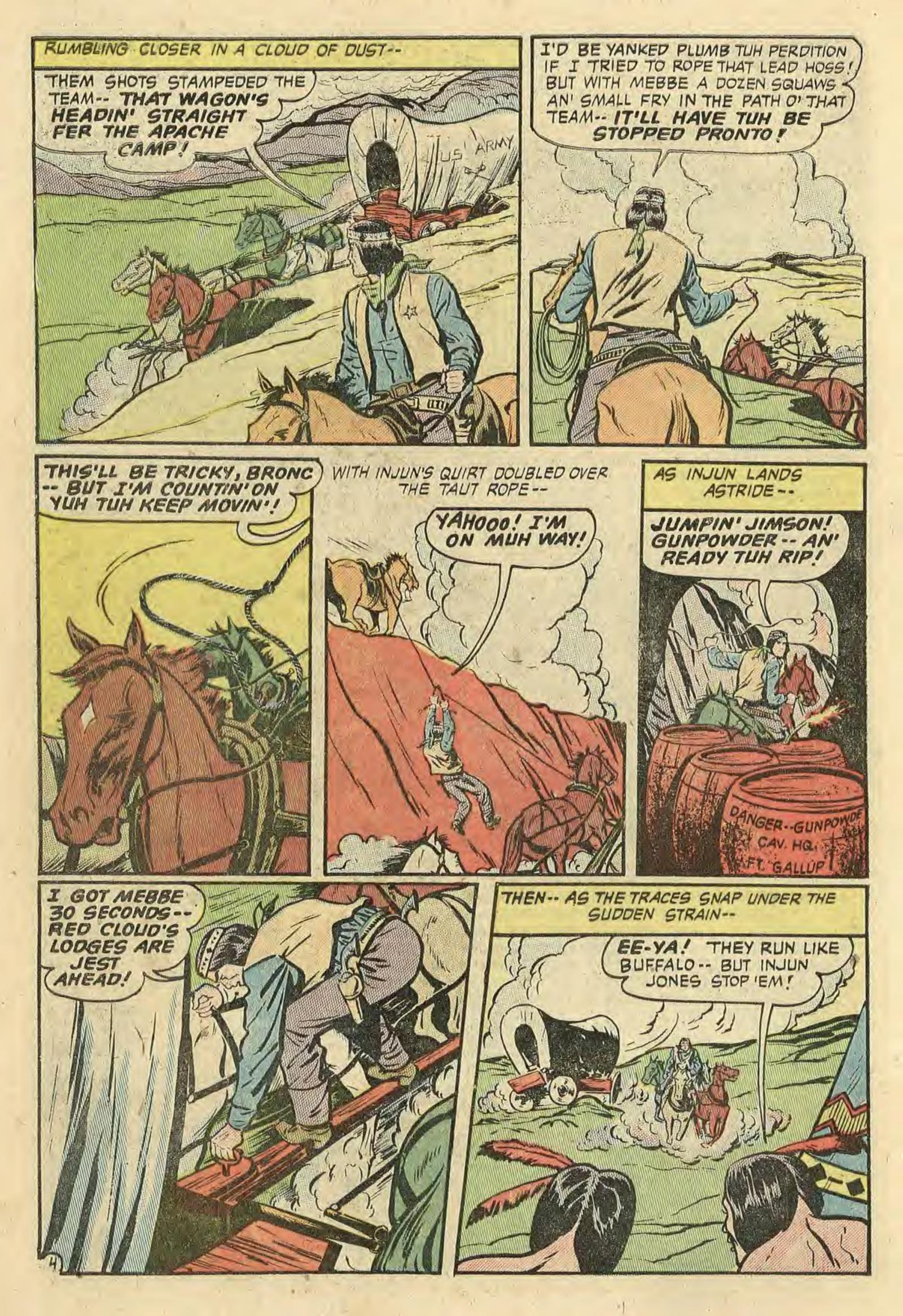


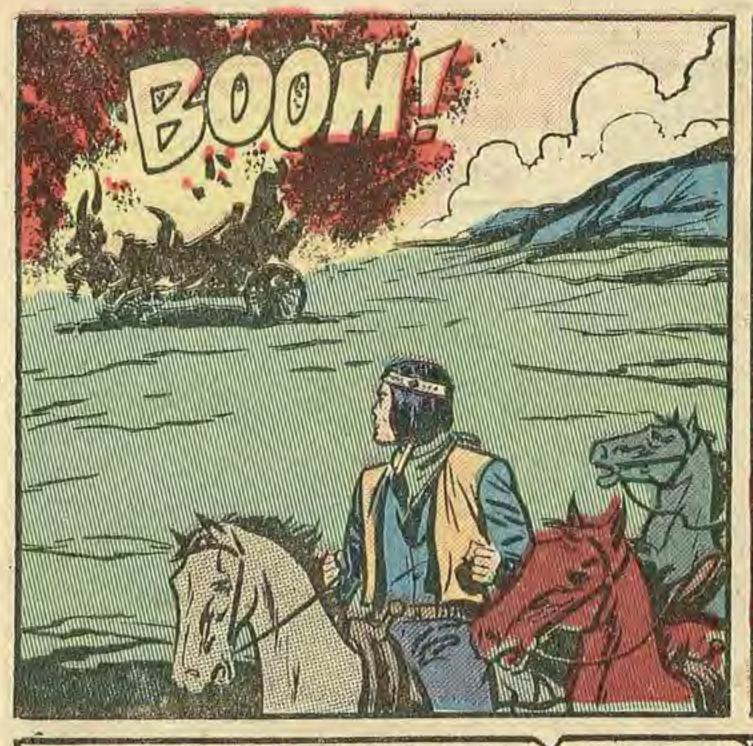


I'VE GOT TUH FIND A WAY
TUH HELP THEM SOLDIERS!
TROUBLE IS, THE APACHES
ARE BUSY RIDIN' HERD ON
2000 HEAD O' LONGHORNS!
WE'D NEED EVERY ABLEBODIED BRAVE TUH TAME
THEM CHEYENNE -- AND
THAT'D MEAN LEAVIN'
THE HERDS UNGUARDED!











THAR WAS A TROOPER DIED JEST AFTER HE HIT TOWN -- STOPPED A CHEYENNE ARROW! WE FOUND OUT KEGS THEY'VE BEEN WAITIN' FER -- MARKED FORT

GALLUP!

THAR'S NO THE CHEYENNE! LOVE LOST I WATCHED THE BETWEEN BLACK- HEARTED YUH APACHES DOGS TAKE MY FATHER'S SCALP, AN' THE DAY OF MY FIRST CAVALRY --BATTLE -- MY BLOOD BUT I RECKON HAS REMEMBERED .. YUH KIN WE WILL RIDE! NAME

WITH TWO HUNDRED BRAVES HOWLING THE DEATH CHANT --

I'LL MEET UP BY DAWN, THE WITH YUH AT CHEYENNE PANAMINT PAGG! RIGHT NOW --WILL KNOW OUR I'VE GOT AN



YORE

REAL

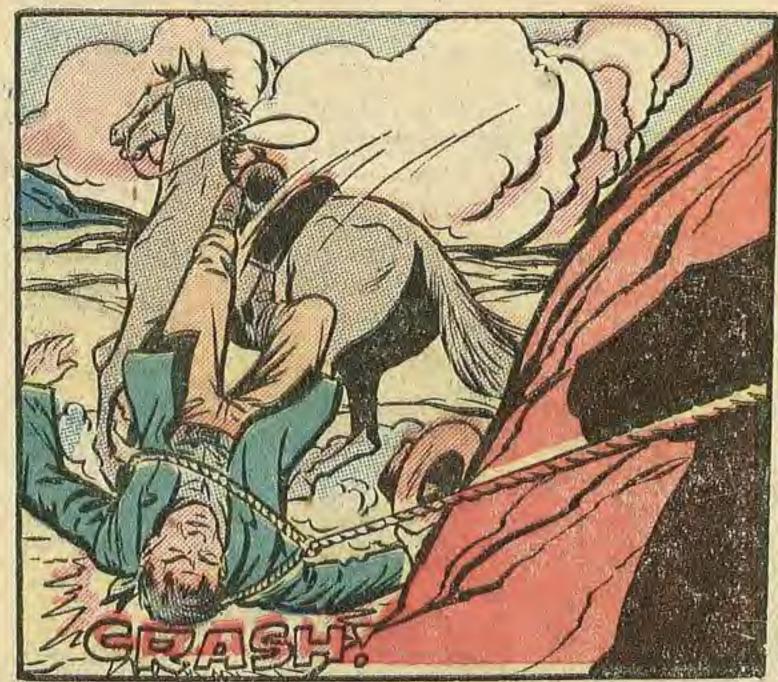
SOON AFTERWARD -- (YEP -- I FIGGERED THAT AS THE GIGANTIC RUSTLING OPERATION GETS EXPLODIN' GUNPOWDER UNDER WAY --THOUGHT I'D FIND HIM HERE! THAR THEY GO, WOULD GIT 'EM RILED! THEY'LL YAAHOOO! BE LIFTIN' A HEAP O' PALEFACE GULLY -- THE WHOLE THAT BUZZARD -- JEST TUH APACHE SHEBANG HAIR BEFORE THEY TURN BACK GIT ROLLIN' DOGGIES --WHOOPIN' OUT ON -- AN MEANWHILE -- WE'LL COMIN' AFTER HE GITS BE RUSTLIN' OFF THEM WE'RE THE PROD!

MAKIN'

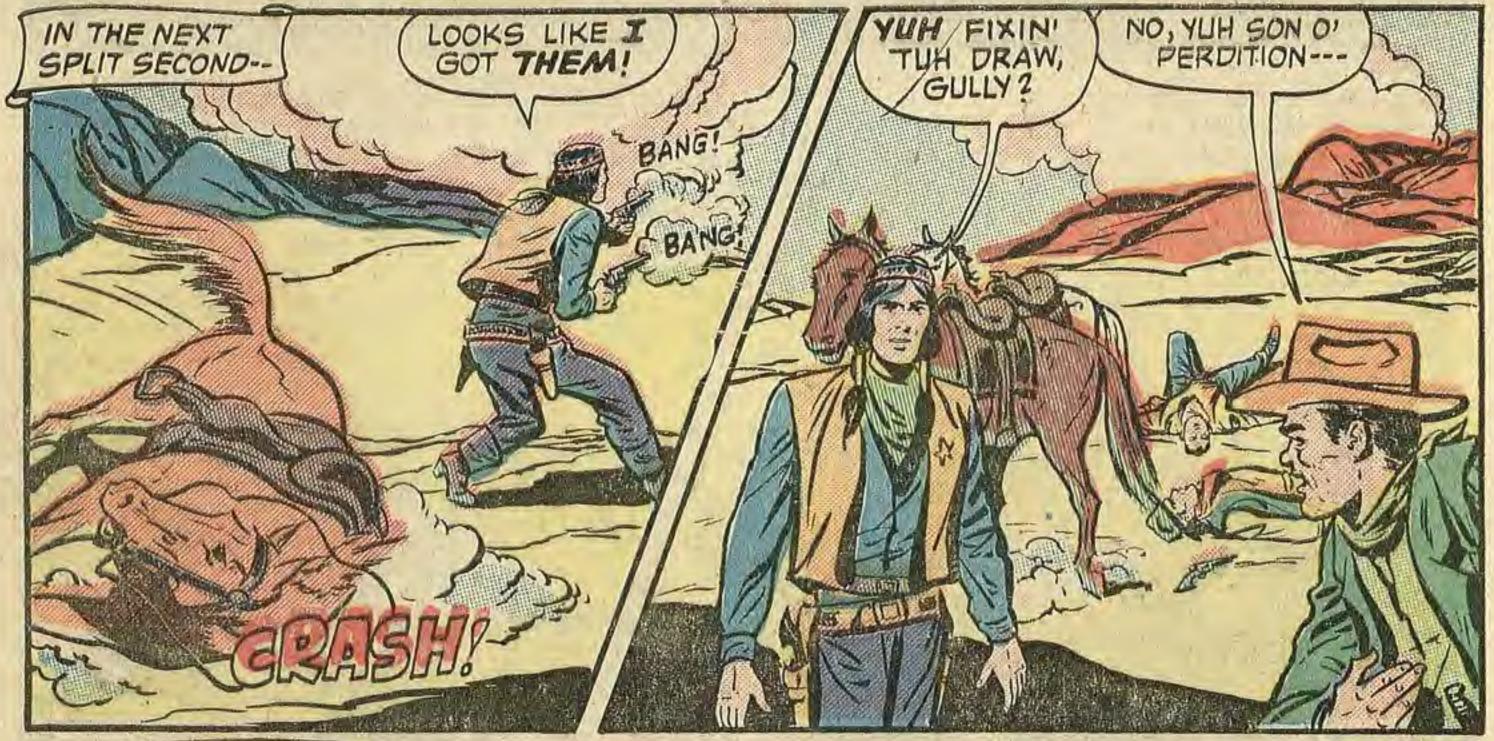
TRACKS!



I AIM TUH USE A ROPE ON GIVE HIM AN IDEE O' WHAT'S TRIED FER MURDER











THEN -- LEAPING TO THEIR FEET LIKE COUGARS LOCKED IN A DEATH MATCH --









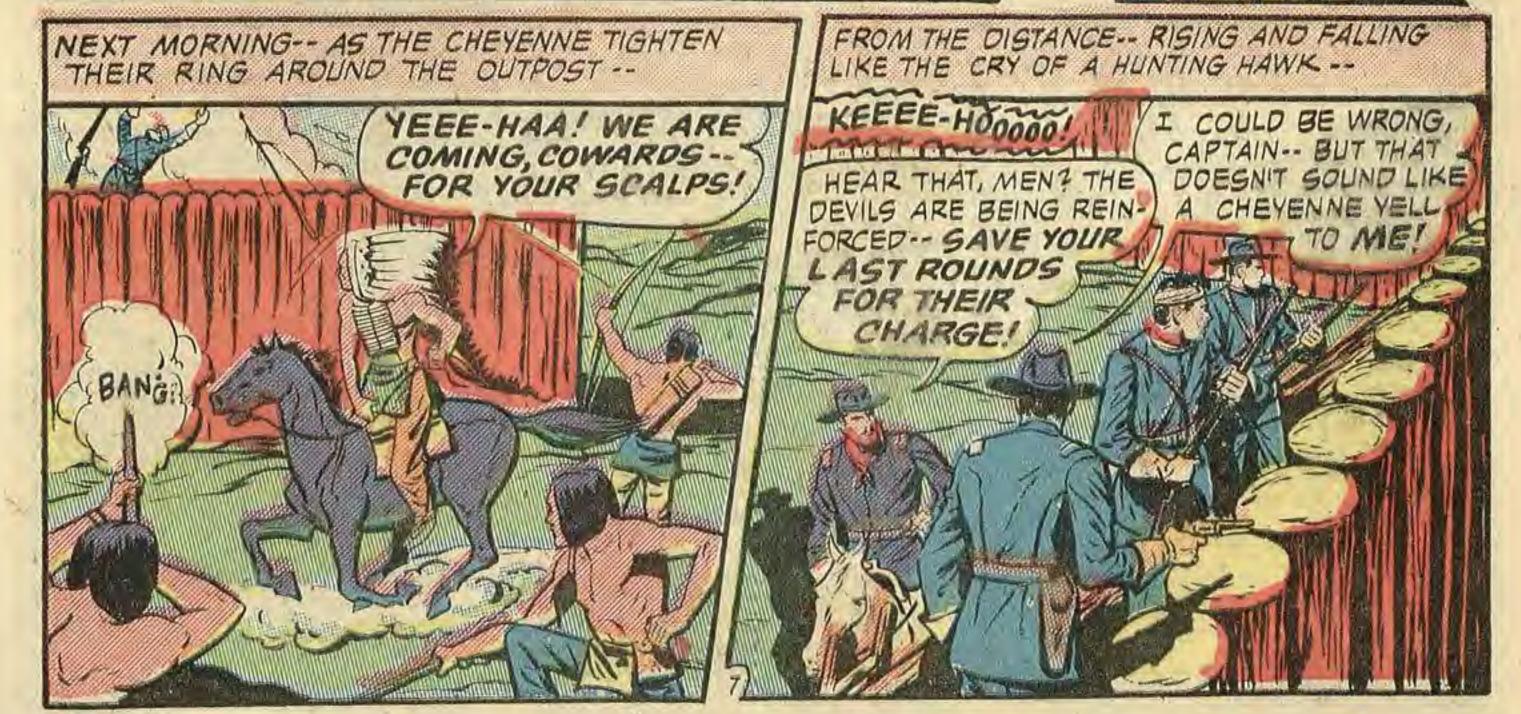




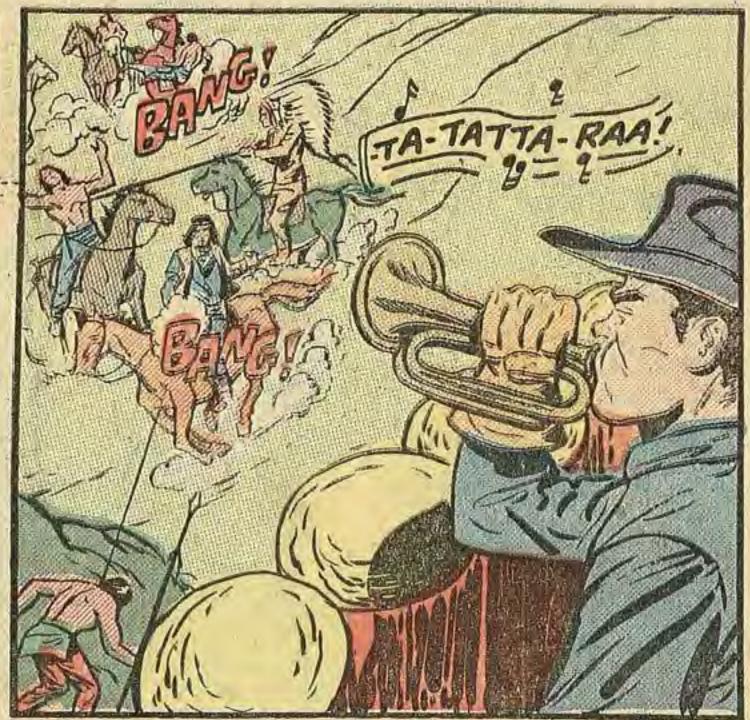
NOW FER PANAMINT

PASS -- AN' FORT

GALLUP!









AS THE DEMORALIZED



CHEYENNE FALL BACK --WHEN AN APACHE WAR BOW BENDS LATE TO RUN! YELL -- WHEN INJUN JONES TAKES THE WARPATH IN THE

THANKS, CAPTAIN! GOING TO TRY L WE'LL ALWAYS BE GLAD TUH FIGHT INJUN JONES --ON YORE SIDE JUST AS LONG AS YUH DON'T COME TRAIPSIN' DOWN REGIMENT --INTUH APACHE BOTH KEEE-HOO! LISTEN FOR THE APACHE

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